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Agricultural Summary: Colorado experienced cold and snowy conditions across the state last week. Crops and fruit in isolated areas experienced freeze damage due to consistent low temperatures. Overall, mountain snowpack improved to 87 percent of average. Farmers were allowed 4.6 days in the field for spring operations.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	19	25	54	2
Last Week	21	22	57	0
Last Year	12	36	52	0

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	36	44	20	0
Last Week	32	45	22	1
Last Year	14	41	45	0

Small Grains: Five percent of the winter wheat crop was reported being pastured this week, slightly above the five-year average of 3 percent. Freezing temperatures caused damage to wheat plantings in the southeastern area of the state. The crop condition rating was mostly fair to very poor. Spring barley was 42 percent seeded and 16 percent emerged by the end of the week, slightly behind the 5-year averages of 47 percent planted and 20 percent emerged. Spring wheat was 31 percent seeded by week's end with 12 percent emerged.

Row Crops: Onion growers continue to make planting progress, with 56 percent of the crop planted by week's end, considerably behind the 5-year average of 71 percent. Producers made limited progress in planting sugarbeets and summer potatoes. Sugarbeet plantings were at 8 percent by week's end, significantly behind the 31 percent average. Summer potato plantings are behind

the 5-year average of 22 percent, with 16 percent planted by week's end

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending April 21, 2013

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat					
This Week	25	31	35	9	0
Last Year	2	13	41	38	6

Pasture and Range: Rain and snow provided needed moisture to isolated areas across the state, but the long term outlook is still uncertain. Current conditions were rated 53 percent very poor compared to the five-year average of 10 percent.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending April 21, 2013

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2013	53	29	16	2	0
Prev. Year - 2012	8	28	42	22	0
5-Year Avg.	10	23	36	29	2

Livestock: Calving and lambing rates continue near the average, with 83 percent of cows having calved since January 1st, while 75 percent of the ewes lambed. Death losses for cattle and sheep were average. Stored feed supplies were rated short for this time of year.

Spring 2013 Calving and Lambing

	2013	5-Yr Avg.
Cows Calved since Jan 1	83	82
Ewes Lambed since Jan 1	75	79

COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending April 21, 2013

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Corn				
Planted	-	-	9	8
Dry Onions				
Planted	56	48	85	71
Spring Barley				
Seeded	42	31	59	47
Emerged	16	6	35	20
Spring Wheat				
Seeded	31	24	55	38
Emerged	12	4	16	12
Sugarbeets				
Planted	8	4	43	31
Summer Potatoes				
Planted	16	11	48	22
Winter Wheat				
Pastured	5	6	1	3
Jointed	8	4	49	31

- Represents zero.

N/A Not available.

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Livestock	3	14	43	39	1

1/ Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.